

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice Breaker Would you rather push the "re-do" button for 2018 or start fresh in 2019? Explain.

1. Read Proverbs 1:1-6

The main theme of Proverbs is wisdom. Who is the wisest person you know? Why do you view them as wise, and would popular culture agree that they're wise? How could you become more like them?

2. Read Proverbs 3:13-15

The Bible states that being joyful is the outcome of gaining wisdom. Have you seen examples of this? How could gaining wisdom make you joyful?

- 3. Read Proverbs 12:15, 14:16, and 29:11
 - The Bible tells us that a fool is governed by their own desires, impulses, and emotions. Do you feel society condones or promotes being a fool by these standards? In what ways does this impact your own life? In what ways might it impact your decisions and actions?
- 4. Pastor Tom says we should "count the cost" when making decisions. How can we take a step back from our busy lives and rushed world to prayerfully do this on a regular basis? What would you hope to see God do in your life if you did?
- 5. Pastor Tom asked an important question at the end of his message: "So are we in pursuit of God's wisdom for our lives?" How would intentionally pursuing His wisdom each day look? How can your small group encourage you in pursuing this discipline?

PERSONAL GUIDE

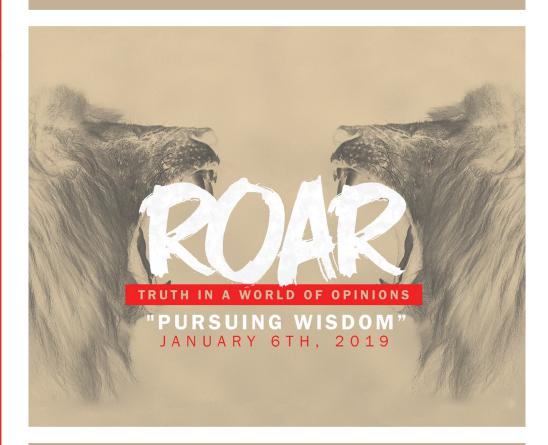
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Day 2: Read Proverbs 2

Day 3: Read Proverbs 3

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Day 5: Read Proverbs 5



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There are not many promises in Proverbs...

Proverbs focus on what are <u>principles</u> and instructions, that if followed, make life effective and successful. The main theme of Proverbs = <u>WISDOM</u> (note Proverbs 1:1-6).

Note Proverbs 3:13-15

Wisdom is the practical application of knowledge.

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Why is being a wise person so important and so highly valued that God devotes and entire book of the Bible to it?

1. Because Life is a Series of Choices

On what foundation will we make the endless, daily choices that <u>pepper</u> us constantly? In Proverbs, a "<u>fool</u>" is not someone with below average intelligence.

A "fool" is someone who ignores God's truth and wisdom and either follows the crowd...or is <u>governed</u> by their desires, impulses, and emotions.

Note Proverbs 12:15; 14:16; 29:11

2. Because All Our Choices Have Consequences

...before making any decision/choice, I needed to count the cost.

This truth is part of God's <u>eternal</u> principles = A man reaps what he sows (Galatians <u>6:7</u>); and science, cause and <u>effect</u>.

Every decision we make has consequences that affect us and sometimes others.

Wisdom is so valuable because it not only helps us make good decisions, but also because it opens our e<u>yes</u> and minds to the consequences of every choice we make.

In a world full of opinions, God's wisdom and truth matter:

- Note Proverbs 16:7; 20:22; 24:29; 25:21-22
- Note Proverbs 10:9; 11:3; 13:6
- So are we in <u>pursuit</u> of God's wisdom for our lives?
- If not, why not?
- Note Proverbs 13:16-18; 1:7

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